GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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UTILISATION OF NARMADA WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether water of Narmada river is not being utilised properly as a result of which some States are not getting complete benefit of the same;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to utilise properly the water of Narmada river; and

(d) the extent of success achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT) in its award has decided the allocation of utilizable quantum of water of Narmada river {(28 Million Acre Feet (MAF)} to the States of Gujarat (9 MAFiMadhya Pradesh (18.25 MAF), Maharashtra (0.25 MAF) and Rajasthan (0.5 MAF). These State Governments are planning executing various water supply, irrigation, hydro power projects etc., in their respective territories to utilize the Narmada Water so apportioned by NWDT.

(b) & (c) The State Governments have the responsibility of planning and executing water supply, irrigation, hydro power projects etc., for proper utilization of river waters. The Central Government is extending all possible technical and financial support to the State Governments.

(d) As per Annual Water Account of Narmada Control Authority for the year 2005-06, 6.43 MAF (Madhya Pradesh - 4.46 MAF, Gujarat - 1.97 MAF) of Narmada river water has been withdrawn for different uses in addition to hydro power generation.